ELLSWORTH.

To Major W. H. Lambert
Corps Med. Staff
with the regards of
H. H. Mervis
W. J. Apl. 30. 1910.

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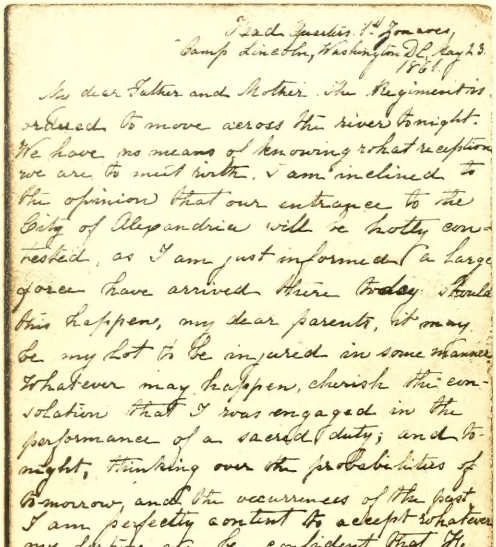

Head Quarters 1st Zouaves,
Camp Lincoln, Washington D.C. May 23.
1861

My dear Father and Mother. The Regiment is ordered to move across the river to night. We have no means of knowing what reception we are to meet with. I am inclined to the opinion that our entrance to the City of Alexandria will be hotly contested, as I am just informed a large force have arrived there today. Should this happen, my dear parents, it may be my Lot to be injured in some manner. Whatever may happen, cherish the consolation that I was engaged in the performance of a sacred duty; and to night, thinking over the probabilities of to-morrow, and the occurrences of the past I am perfectly content to accept whatever my fortune may be, confident that He who noteth even the fall of a sparrow will have some purpose even in the fate of one like me.

My darling and ever loved parents, good bye. God bless, protect and care for you.

Elmer.

Copy. Exact Size. of the last letter of Col. Ellsworth. written on the back of a carte. de. visite. photograph of himself.

Elmer E. Ellsworth.
Col. 1st Zouaves.

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F. H. M.
1910.

E. E. Ellsworth.
Copy of the carte-de-visite photograph by Brady. upon the back of which he wrote his last letter the night before he was shot.

The Marshall House
Alexandria, Virginia.

Col. Ellsworth was shot here by Jackson, its proprietor on May 24. 1861.

Sergt. Francis E. Brownell
who shot Jackson, the
murderer of Ellsworth.

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